

DIED OF A BROKEN HEART.**A Strange Looking Bird Mourns and Dies Because its Mate is in Captivity.**

William Brahm told a strange story about a pair of birds when he was in town last Monday. About three weeks ago he noticed a strange looking bird out at his ranch. It resembled a magpie more than anything else he had ever seen, but it was not a magpie. It came up and ate corn with the chickens and picked the flesh off a hide which was being dried at the ranch.

Once or twice he was tempted to shoot the bird, but he finally concluded to try to capture it. There was an old bird cage at the ranch and a piece of meat was fastened inside the cage and was put out where the bird would see it. But a short time had elapsed before the bird was in the cage a prisoner. It appeared to thrive and in a few days another bird of the same kind made its appearance and came up to the side of the cage when the two birds appeared to be talking to each other.

The new comer seemed to be very much distressed over the fact that its mate had been made a prisoner and kept continually uttering the most mournful sounds imaginable. The capture of the second bird was planned but the sudden death of the bird prevented its being carried into effect. One day the bird had been mourning as it had been seen to do before and it suddenly flew into a neighboring tree from which it dropped to the ground dead.

The folks at the ranch are firmly convinced that the bird died of grief at the imprisonment of its mate. No one who has seen the captive bird has ever seen any other birds of the same kind and they are all wondering what kind of bird it is that is so sympathetic.

The Deep Down people at Mogollon will have to do more development work before they take out much more ore. The mine has been stoped out as far as it has been developed, and now some work will have to be done in the development line.

Some of the cattlemen in the vicinity of Mangas lake will drive the poorest of their stock up to the Gila box where there is better feed. Some of the stock which was driven up there a few weeks ago is in pretty good condition.

A postoffice ought to be established at some intermediate point on the Mogollon stage route between Cliff and Mogollon. It would be a great convenience to the residents of Pine Cienega and the surrounding country.

The citizens of Santa Fe are making preparations to hold a big fair next year. They hope to eclipse the territorial fair at Albuquerque.

Robert Black has returned from a trip to Las Cruces where he was in attendance at a meeting of the regents of the agricultural college. The board let the contract for the construction of the substation in San Juan county to C. G. Brewer, of San Juan county, for \$4,165, the building to be completed by the first of March next. Mr. Black was appointed superintendent of the construction.

A considerable portion of the gold bullion received at the Denver mint comes from the mines of New Mexico, and a large portion of this is shipped from this place, being the product of the mines at Mogollon and Pinos Altos.

H. H. Betts received information last week of the death of his father, Philander Betts, at Farmington, Me., on the 10th inst. He died of apoplexy and was, at the time of his death, 84 years, 2 months and 24 days old.

Born, to the wife of Robert Evans, of this city, on Wednesday, November 14, 1894, a daughter. Robert is able to attend to his livery business down town a part of the time and will eventually be himself again.

Most of the buildings at Mogollon have been completed. Those of C. H. Wilkie and M. C. Logan are nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

There is water enough at Mogollon now for milling purposes and the output of the camp will be larger than it has been for some months past if the mills can be kept going.

The lectures which were delivered on the subject of the land tax by B. F. Longstreet in this place recently have set some of the people here to thinking on this theory.

The corner stone of the Masonic temple at Las Vegas will be laid with imposing ceremonies next Monday. This is the first Masonic temple to be erected in New Mexico.

The C. L. S. C. of this city met last Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Fielder. The meeting this afternoon will be held at the residence of Mrs. Porterfield.

The time of the court was occupied last week after the juries were organized in the trial of a case from Sierra county which was brought here on a change of venue.

The national bank of Deming inaugurated the practice on Monday of closing its doors during the noon hour—from 12 to 1 o'clock.—*Defining Headlight.*

A. L. Cristy, member elect to the legislature from this and Dona Ana counties, is here.

Dr. Longstreet, the single tax advocate, is lecturing at Deming this week. From that place he goes to Hillsborough.

There is hardly water enough at Pinos Altos to enable the mills to run at all. The Bell & Stephens mill was closed down over Sunday and did not have water enough then to keep it running all day Monday. Some work is being done in the mines but the camp is very quiet. The Bell & Stephens mines are working a few men; there is some work being done in the Gopher and some ore is being taken out of the Pacific.

Last Sunday, by recommendation of many of the bishops of the Episcopal church, was widely observed as Temperance Sunday. Rev. Edward S. Cross, having postponed his sermon on the subject of temperance, will preach upon it next Sunday evening. All are cordially invited.

At Pinos Altos, on Thursday evening, at the school-house, Rev. Edward S. Cross, of Silver City, will hold services, and administer the sacrament of infant baptism. All are cordially invited to the service.

Several contests have been instituted in Dona Ana county by candidates who claim that they have been counted out by the county commissioners of that county.

Andy Hughes is still kicking over the result of the late election and hasn't got through wondering where the populist vote was "at" on the day of the election.

According to the latest returns it appears that the majority of Mr. Catron in the territory is about 1,400 majority. His plurality over Joseph is about 2,900.

George R. Brown was given a serenade last Wednesday evening. Things are coming pretty smooth for some of the newly elected county officers.

The newly elected county officers are getting their bonds ready and making preparations to assume their duties the first of the year.

Sheriff Laird has sent out notices to the taxpayers of the county that half of their taxes for the year of 1894 are now due.

The election cases in Bernalillo county have not yet been settled. The matter is in court and will be heard next week.

Miss Lou Hall, who has been ill here for several weeks and who was getting along nicely last week, is worse.

Born, in Deming, on Saturday, November 17, 1894, to the wife of A. J. Clark, a son.

Thomas Hall was here this week from Pine Cienega with a bunch of cattle.

Harry Martin was in from his ranch near Carlile this week.

O. P. Culbertson was in from the H. W. ranch yesterday.

Wm. Bates was here from the Gila last Monday.